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SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY SCREENS INSPIRATIONAL FILM *BROOKLYN CASTLE* ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONS

Imagine a school where the cool kids are the chess team

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the San Diego Chess Club, (SDCC) will screen the film *Brooklyn Castle* on **Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan ^ Irwin Jacobs Common located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. Screened in conjunction with the launching of the Library's Downtown Chess program for area chess enthusiasts, the film is about the winningest junior high school chess team in the country. Chess instructor Mario Amodeo from SDCC will facilitate a question and answer discussion after the film. This event is free and open to the public.

Brooklyn Castle tells the stories of I.S. 318 school's chess team, the only middle school to win the U.S. Chess Federation's national high school championship. The film follows the challenges the kids face in their personal lives as well as on the chessboard, and is as much about the sting of their losses as it is about the anticipation of their victories. Ironically, their biggest obstacle is not from other competitors but from recessionary budget cuts to all the extracurricular activities at their school. The film shows how these kids' dedication to chess magnifies their belief in what is possible for their lives.

Downtown Chess will meet **weekly on Friday, from 3:00 – 5: p.m. starting on March 14** and is open to anyone interested in the classic game of chess. All skill levels are welcome. Future events include chess instructions, lectures, more films and other related activities.

The San Diego Chess Club is one of the largest chess clubs in the country with members ranging from novice to international master. More experienced players can contact SDCC at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/sandiegochessclub/home>.

Mario Amodeo is a member of the San Diego Chess Club since 1988. He also teaches chess full-

time in various after school programs and privately around San Diego County. If interested, he can be reached through his website: www.chessinstructor.net.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org

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